

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Remarks

A telephonic interview involving Examiner Javanmard and Applicants' representatives, Doreen M. Hogle, Esq. and Emily A. Dertz, Ph.D., was conducted on March 25, 2010. Discrepancies between the claim set examined in the pending Restriction Requirement and the claim set actually pending for this application were discussed. The currently pending claims were previously presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 13, 2006, and this claim set is attached herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Despite the discrepancies between the claim set examined and the claim set actually pending, Examiner Javanmard agreed that the Applicants' selection of one of the four Groups listed in the pending Restriction Requirement and a election of a species encompassed by that Group would constitute a compliant response to the pending matter. Examiner Javanmard stated she would contact Applicants' representatives by telephone with any further issues regarding this Reply. Applicants would like to thank Examiner Javanmard for taking the time to work with Applicants to advance prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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